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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of the claims:

Claim 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the thickness of the polyester-based film is from 5 to 25  $\mu m_{\star}$ 

Claim 4 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is from 50 to 125  $\mu\text{m}\text{.}$ 

Claim 5 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the polyester-based film is polyethylene terephthalate.

Claims 6-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the adhesive contains a tackifying agent or a plasticizer or a tackifying agent and a plasticizer.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the area is from 5 to 60  $\rm cm^2$ .

Claim 10 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the bending stiffness of a substrate is from 10 to 80 mm.

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Claim 11 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the drug is a narcotic analgesic agent.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The patch of claim 11, wherein the narcotic analgesic agent is fentanyl or salts thereof.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A patch comprising a substrate made of a polyester-based film and a drug-containing adhesive layer laminated thereon, wherein a side of said polyester-based film surface in contact with said drug-containing adhesive has a surface roughness (Ra) of from 0.05 to 0.8 µm thereby increasing anchoring between said polyester-based film and said drug-anchoring drug-containing adhesive layer without producing pinholes in said substrate and wherein said drug-containing adhesive layer contains styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer or polyisobutylene and styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13 wherein the side of said polyester-based film surface in contact with said drug-containing adhesive is sandblasted prior to contact with said drug containing adhesive layer.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): The patch of claim 13, wherein the thickness of the polyester-based film is from 5 to 10  $\mu m\,.$ 

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Claim 17 (new): The patch of claim 13, wherein the polyester-based film surface in contact with said drug-containing adhesive layer has a surface roughness (Ra) of from 0.1 to 0.6  $\mu m$ .

Claim 18 (new): The patch of claim 13, wherein the polyester-based film surface in contact with said drug-containing adhesive layer has a surface roughness (Ra) of from 0.1 to 0.3  $\mu m$ .